

# SPRAGUE SPECIALTIES

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# LOG

★ WE PLEDGE TO THE ARMED SERVICES



OUR MAXIMUM WARTIME PRODUCTION ★

"OF THE EMPLOYEES ★ ★ ★ ★ BY THE EMPLOYEES ★ ★ ★ ★ FOR THE EMPLOYEES"

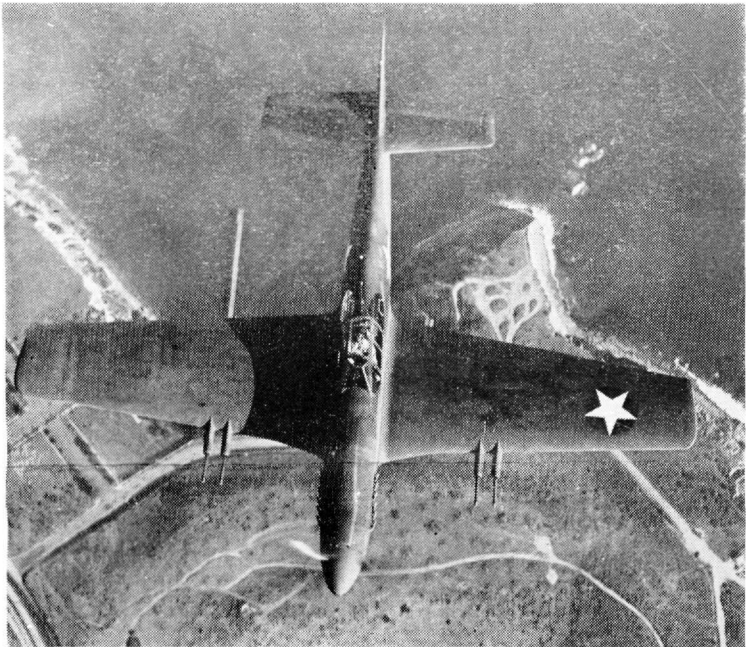
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## LIVES OF FIGHTING MEN DEPEND ON QUALITY AS WELL AS QUANTITY

### BOND DRIVE OVER; RED CROSS CAMPAIGN NEXT OVER GERMANY, ITALY, RABAU, TRUK, PRODUCTS YOU MAKE MUST MAKE GOOD



The P-51 Mustang Fighter -- one of North America's most deadly combat planes, equipped with four cannons. These planes are in service with U. S. AAF, and British RAF. U. S. Army Air Force Photo

#### \$80,000, Largest Sum Ever Raised at Sprague's, Expected Before Close of 4th War Loan

With one successful drive practically behind them, employees of Sprague Specialties Company were laying plans for another drive to start in two weeks.

The Fourth War Loan drive which ended officially on February 15 but which is being continued unofficially until next Tuesday had raised among Sprague Employees by last Monday morning \$71,000, including \$29,206.25 in cash purchases of series E bonds. The balance represents bonds purchased during the period by payroll deduction. This represents the largest amount ever raised at Sprague's in any fund-raising drive. It is expected that the total amount will exceed \$80,000 by the end of the month. There were also an undetermined but large number of payroll deduction increases which do not appear in the total figures given.

#### Red Cross Quota Not Yet Set—Generous Response Is Looked For

##### Campaigns In Quick Succession Not Seen Affecting Response

With the completion of the Fourth War Loan drive, preparations are being made for the 1944 Red Cross drive to get under way on March 15. As the Log goes to press, no official word has been received concerning the quota to be assigned Sprague employees, but it is unofficially indicated that on the basis of what is being asked nationally by the Red Cross the Sprague quota will be substantially more than half the War Chest quota.

As soon as the exact details are learned, it will be possible to form a more precise estimate of what will be required of each employee.

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#### Do Not Let Tires Wear Smooth—Recap Immediately

There will not be enough tires available for civilians in essential war work to meet their needs in 1944. This statement was given to us through official government sources to relay to all our workers. In co-operation, the Management urges each worker to have his tires recapped as soon as they wear smooth. We know that automobiles are essential in getting out war production work, and unless your tires are recapped, the chances that you can replace them with new ones in 1944 are very slim. Get those tires recapped as soon as possible, so that our essential war work can go on without interruption!

Sprague Equipment Vital On Planes, Battleships, Cruisers, Tanks, Trucks, P. T. Boats, Landing Craft and Submarines.

Right now, when we are all called on to keep up the terrific pace of peak war production,—is a good time to remind every Sprague employee of the great importance of "care" on whatever job he or she is working. No matter how small the part,—no matter how short the amount of time you spend on each separate operation,—it is IMPORTANT that it be done with the utmost care and precision.

#### QUALITY PLUS ACCURACY CAN WIN BATTLES AND SAVE LIVES

As our quantity goes up, as our speed increases, our quality and accuracy must be maintained. The safety of an aviator or a bombing crew, the lives of the crew of a P.T. boat or submarine could well depend on any one of the thousands of units which go through your hands day after day. That's why NOW - when the demand for MORE and MORE is heard and seen on every side -- that each one of us must ALSO make it BETTER and BETTER!

#### "I Do Solemnly Swear That I Will Bear True Faith and Allegiance"



Left to right: Earl Williams, Andrew Gigliotti and Donald Wyman.

Eleven men from the Machine Shop have given this pledge to their country -- and one, Vincent Pisano has given his life. Andrew F. Gigliotti, Earl Williams and Donald Wyman will make that pledge from this Department soon.

The bronze plaque of Sprague men and women in service, on display in the lunch room is most impressive—but the Machine Shop gang wanted something more intimate—something of their own, to represent their department. Mrs. John Walsh cooperated—and you have the Machine Shop Service Flag—every stitch made by hand. The boys are proud of that

flag—and for that which it represents. The men as they left the Machine Shop to serve their country are: John Mahoney, the first to leave, is now a Machinist Mate, 2-c of the Coast Guard, stationed at Morehead City, N. C. Wm. A. Brown, M.M. 2-c—Seabee, stationed somewhere in the South

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### Winners In Slogan Balloting

The Sprague Slogan Contest Balloting proved most successful. Competition in departments was lively — all departments voting for their favorites, and heavy balloting was noted. The results are as follows:

Winner	Slogan	Contest Department	Place
<b>Brown Street</b>			
Valeda Daoust	They'll know who's who	Resistors	1st
Valeda Daoust	Before we get through—at Sprague's	Resistors	3rd
Valeda Daoust	We'll give our life	Resistors	5th
Valeda Daoust	To win this strife—at Sprague's	Resistors	6th
Valeda Daoust	Come on, let's go!	Resistors	10th
Evelyn Dodge	To beat the foe—at Sprague's	Resistors	11th
Evelyn Dodge	Behind the lines are WE	Resistors	
Clotilde Astorino	Sprague's—marching to VICTORY	Mica	
Clotilde Astorino	Keep 'Old Glory' in the Sky	Mica	
Valeda Daoust	With Sprague Production High	Resistors	
Valeda Daoust	Sprague is in front	Resistors	
Valeda Daoust	At the Front and at Home.	Resistors	
<b>Beaver Street</b>			
Doris Finlayson	Sprague's "Specialty" should be	Bathtub	2nd
Doris Finlayson	—Supreme Effort for Victory!	Bathtub	7th
Doris Finlayson	Sprague's won the Precious "E"	Bathtub	8th
Doris Finlayson	Production must our Password be!	Bathtub	13th
Doris Finlayson	With Sprague condensers in '44	Bathtub	14th
Doris Finlayson	We'll settle our score.	Bathtub	
Doris Finlayson	"E" flag flying high —	Bathtub	
Doris Finlayson	Sprague Production is the reason why.	Bathtub	
J. W. Wright	Remember Pearl Harbor —	Formation	
J. W. Wright	Sprague Workers do!	Formation	
<b>Marshall Street</b>			
Joey Cresembini	Sprague condensers in our planes	Shipping	4th
Joey Cresembini	Give the enemy many pains.	Shipping	9th
Michael Cirullo	Sprague Products out to Win	Gas Mask	12th
Michael Cirullo	Watch out! Tokyo and Berlin!	Gas Mask	15th
Mario Magnani	Sprague products—Bonds and Stamps	Gas Mask	
Mario Magnani	Give the enemy many cramps.	Gas Mask	
Joey Cresembini	Sprague's production flowing fast	Gas Mask	
Joey Cresembini	Assures our enemies THEY cannot last!	Gas Mask	

"Of the Employees,- by the Employees,- for the Employees."

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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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## THE ATOLL THAT WAS LOST

Through a break in the clouds a lone Marine Scout Bomber spies an enemy task force speeding toward the atoll where we have just landed thousands of men and tons of equipment, supplies and ammunition. He radios in code to the hastily improvised air base back on that atoll,—in code, so the enemy may not learn that he has discovered them.

But his message fails to get through. A small part of his radio fails to function. The enemy task force drives closer. His fast fighters and bombers take off from their carriers. They overtake our naturally slower scout bomber. Before he can get back they have "hit and run" and the damage is done. Millions of dollars of equipment is lost -- and many lives! ... Let's all resolve that "it can't happen here." Let's give our production slogan "Twin-Engine" power! Let's insist on "QUANTITY PLUS QUALITY—NOW AND FOREVER — AT SPRAGUE'S"

## Red Cross Drive

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The drive will be conducted as in the past with a drive chairman in each division and each department. Personnel of the drive, it is expected, will be substantially the same as for the War Bond Drive and for the War Chest. The quick succession of fund-raising efforts is not seen as affecting the outcome of the Red Cross drive. As one worker put it, c'est la guerre.

It is not expected that it will be necessary to devote much time to an explanation of the good work which the Red Cross is doing and of its need for funds to support its war work. It was found in the War Bond Drive that the response was whole-hearted and absolutely without pressure of any kind. It is believed that the response to the Red Cross drive will be on the same generous scale.

Watch your step! Look where you go! Safety is essential to War Production Effort.

## Machine Shop Flag

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Cpl. Lawrence Ladd—of 713th Bomb Squadron—somewhere in England.  
Pfc. Michael Gentile—of 1306th Engineers, now at Ft. Sheridan, Ill.  
Olympia DePaoli—S 2-c of U. S. Navy Air Training School at Navy Pier, Chicago, Ill.

Harry J. George, A.S. at Camp Perry, Williamsburg, Va.

Pvt. Alfred Daldos—at Ft. Crook, Neb.

Daniel T. Baker—S 3-c—U. S. Naval Repair Base, San Diego, Calif.

Grant Hamilton—F 3-c—Naval Training School—Hotel Somerset, Boston, Mass.

Peter Cardillo—S 2-c—Navy Air Technical Training School, Memphis, Tenn.

Vincent Pisano was killed in an airplane crash at Barksdale Field, La. He received his wings June 2nd and was attending bombing school at the time of his death in July.

## J. S. Evans, U. S. N. To Visit Sprague's

My dear Sprague,

Thanks for your kind letter of 15 February 1944, and you can rest assured that I have followed the increasing production from your plant with great interest, not only from a personal viewpoint, but, as you know, from the point of view of delivery of vitally needed equipment.

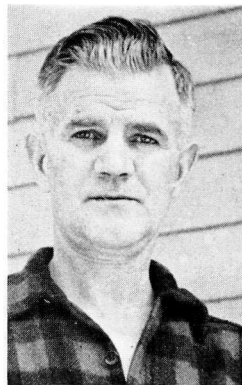
Just at present, in addition to my duties in this district, I have additional duties in the New York area on the Manpower Survey Board, and I hope when such additional duty is completed, I will again have time to make the rounds of various plants and I assure you, that one of the first plants I will visit will be yours.

I will try to let you know at least three days before my arrival, but I am sorry to have to inform you that it looks, at present, as if such visit cannot be made prior to the last week in March or the first week in April.

Thanking you for your kindnesses and for the production obtained from your plant, I am

Sincerely,

J. S. Evans  
Captain, U. S. Navy



Gerald O'Neil of Shipping, Beaver plant, is recent Suggestion Award Winner.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

In order that all employees may acquaint themselves with Leave of Absence procedure, and also protect their Seniority rights, the following rules should be observed:

1. If you know you are going to be out for personal illness, get your leave of absence from Miss Owen at the Dispensary, Beaver Plant before you leave. ... see her, or call her.

2. If, because of personal illness or illness in the immediate family, you are going to be out for over a week, a Leave of Absence MUST be applied for at the end of the first week of absence.

3. If you are unable to report to work because of illness, call the Plant Dispensaries or Employment Office, who in turn will notify your department.

4. Your seniority is important because: It protects you at times of lay-off — and — Your vacation is dependent upon your length of service. Loss of seniority means a new date from which your vacation period is figured when you return to work.

5. Recognized Leaves of Absence are granted from Miss Owen's office and Employment office ONLY.

6. Any employee who has been absent from work for any reason, in excess of one week, must call Miss Owen or Employment Office before returning.

If the above requirements are not adhered to, it will be necessary to cancel seniority rights.

J. D. Washburn

## THOMAS B. DEAN WAS SECOND SPRAGUE WORKER TO GIVE LIFE FOR HIS COUNTRY



Back in July, Thomas B. Dean, 20, was in training at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts, when with four other soldiers, he met his death in a truck accident. The truck enroute to camp from Shirley, Mass., failed to negotiate a sharp turn. Fourteen others were injured. Tom was a former worker in B.T.A. Department. He left Sprague's to join the armed forces and serve his country. Enlisting in the air corps, March, 1942, he received basic training at Bangor, Maine, then removed to Ft. Devens, where he met with that fatal accident July 29, 1943.

He is the son of William and Mary Dean of 75 Cady Street. His sister Margaret, also a Sprague worker, is employed in the Block Annex department.

Two other sons of Mr. and Mrs. Dean have answered the call to Service. They are Cpl. Bill Dean, serving somewhere in Italy, and Bob, a Seabee stationed in Virginia. Bob was also a Sprague worker, being employed in the stockroom department. The entire Sprague organization extends its sincere sympathy to the Dean family.

## How Edison Discovered Keystone of Electronics

Note:—Through Mr. Harry P. Bridge, Advertising Agent for Sprague Specialties Company, we receive this article and learn that Dr. O. H. Caldwell heard the story of the way Edison got his idea, direct from the well-known inventor, Mr. Frank Sprague, father of Robert C. Sprague and Julian K. Sprague of the Sprague Specialties Company.

With a plea that young Americans cultivate the habit of sharp observation, Dr. Orestes H. Caldwell, chairman of the Edison's Birthday Committee, and editor of Electronic Industries, reminded the Edison Pioneers at luncheon at the Hotel Astor, Friday, February 11, that one of Thomas A. Edison's most fruitful discoveries grew out of his keen detection of trifles that his assistants overlooked.

This was his discovery sixty years ago of the famous Edison Effect, the flow of electrons in a vacuum, which underlies all electronic phenomena as we know that vast new science today.

After Mr. Edison had invented the incandescent lamp and had gotten his new electric lighting system into operation, trouble began to develop caused by the mysterious breaking of the filaments in the lamps. Invariably these filaments would break off near one end, where attached to the lead-in wires. Finally the problem was brought to the Chief himself. After a little scrutiny he noticed something which had been

overlooked by all his assistants,—that the filaments always broke at the positive end.

After confirming experiments, Mr. Edison reached the revolutionary conclusion that some kind of "particles" were coming from the whole length of the hot filament and were bombarding the positive end of the filament, breaking it down. He further reasoned that these "electrical particles" must be electrically negative in order to be attracted by the positive end of the filament. Also he observed the blackening and sharp "electron shadows" inside the globe, which others had noted. Goaded by the business necessity of finding what was causing his filaments to break and his lamps to fail prematurely, Edison then carried on the experiment of inserting an extra wire or "plate" inside the lamp, which confirmed his electron "emission and bombardment" theory — though of course in 1883 he did not yet use the word "electron."

That the resulting 110-volt radio tube of 1883 closely paralleled modern diodes was demonstrated by Dr. Caldwell over a national network, when, using in the modern circuit a replica of Edison's early two-element lamp or tube, he broadcast Edison's favorite melody "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen".

## READ CAREFULLY!

Better read your Hospitalization booklet over occasionally and pay attention to the regulations. A couple of cases have happened where young persons were no longer covered as dependents and have not taken out their own insurance as employees.

Geo. B. Flood

Julian Sprague Makes Address on Washington on Feb. 22nd Radio Program

As company guest speaker, Mr. Julian Sprague, gave a splendid speech which brought home to all listeners that we are still fighting and working to attain and retain the liberty for which George Washington risked his fortune and life from the time he was a young man.

GUESS WHAT? The Guess-Who Pictures to appear in Special Supplement - - Soon!



YOUNGEST BUYER RECEIVES BOND



The youngest purchaser of a war bond during the Fourth War Loan Drive at Sprague's steps up and lays his money on the line. John Lawson, Jr., son of Mrs. Rachel Lawson of Industrial Oil Terminal Assembly, buys a \$1,000 War Bond from Marvin Williams, drive chairman, while his mother looks proudly on.

Although there was no formal competition between departments on War Bond sales, the Industrial Oil Division under the chairmanship of Mrs. Charlotte Trotter was one of the leaders both on the size of the bonds sold and on the percentage buying extra bonds.

Mr. Fowler Speaks on the LOG Radio Program

As Sprague Specialties Company is called upon to furnish products vital to the success of the war, so have the high schools of this nation been asked to turn out young men and women specialized in training to defeat the Axis powers on land and sea. For boys in the 'teen age, this has become known as pre-induction training.

Education For Victory

Why do we have pre-induction training in the secondary schools? Because 91 out of every 100 inductees must be trained as specialists. At the present time, only 18 out of 100 inductees have skills which fit them for essential military jobs. It is now well known that the soldier with the best physique, and the most thorough training is the most effective fighting man. The Civilian Pre-induction Training Branch of the Armed Forces has defined the needs which may be met by the schools.

The test of a 17 or 18 year old boy qualified to go into the Services through enlistment or induction will depend upon the effective guidance, health, and educational programs which the high school has actually put into effect.

Effective guidance for the Armed Services should be continuous throughout the school year. This program, in brief, needs to stress the nature of induction and the military life which is to follow.

The armed Services recognize that only 20% of our boys need four years of mathematics for the essential services. For the other 80%, fundamentals in arithmetic, with some algebra and plane geometry, are sufficient.

Vocational training for boys is very important in the fields of electricity, communications, transportations, and machine work. Mathematics, use of tools, and blue print readings, related to these vocational subjects, are essential.

Drury High School and many schools throughout the nation have met the challenge of "Education for Victory." We salute the teachers and students of this country for the fine job which they are doing to win the war.

Watch your step! Look where you go! Safety is essential to War Production Effort.

Wartime Planning In Industry - Edw. Goodman

It was recognized early in this war by the Sprague Management, that normal planning and change-over with its usual emphasis on detail and long range viewpoint would have to be abandoned in favor of a fast-moving and flexible setup.

The great number of change-overs—both in type and quantity of product,—sometimes hardly before a program has been underway, have been at times severely, but unjustly criticized as being inefficient, wasteful and detrimental to the war effort.

I wish to make the point that these very change-overs and our willingness and ability to make them, have been one of the most outstanding industrial contributions to our successful war plan.

As you know, this war has a highly scientific and technical background. So fast has the rate of technological advance been that our current tools of war are becoming obsolete every day, very often by our own improvements, rather than by counter devices of the Axis.

These constantly changing requirements of the Army and Navy are being met by an able and aggressive American industry.

The elimination of the submarine menace, the improvement of radio communication and location, the ability of our fliers to bomb Germany by day or night under almost any conceivable weather condition—these are but a few of the pay-offs in which our own manufacturing flexibility has played a good part.

Without the long and specialized experience, the know-how and hard work of our maintenance crews, machine shop, engineering and production departments, we could not have done as well as we have.

This constant planning and change has meant new assignments, transfers, new jobs!

So let each one of us tackle our job, remembering that without change there is no progress!

We are glad to quote from the January issue of Bliss Business College:

Messenger of Victory  
A North Adams Citizen's Creed

I am proud of my city with its modern buildings, well-lighted streets, beautiful Churches, efficient schools and colleges, fine homes and its friendly people. I am proud of its history, especially that part played by the public-spirited Pioneers. Let us emulate this Pioneer Spirit which caused North Adams to grow from a hamlet to an important trading and manufacturing center by doing our part to maintain its splendid traditions.

This is no ordinary city — this home of mine nestling in the beautiful Berkshire Hills with its clear, invigorating climate. I do not honestly know of any other place where can be found the same or equal advantages for a truly great "Living" experience.

Lincoln said: "I like to see a man proud of the City in which he lives; I like to see a man live in it so that his city will be proud of him." This is my Creed for this and all succeeding years. May I be true to it forever.

L. B. Conner

Noggin Is A Dunker!

To the Editor:

Goony Archibald McGoon buzzes around like invasion rumors. He makes just about as much sense. What I'm for, he's agin'—what I write, he denies. He's one of those long-haired, much-educated, bespectacled birds with about as many brains as der Stumblebum Hitler has friends.

But — when you get right down to knowing something practical and sensible—he's a dud! Take Doughnut-Dunking for instance. There's a subject a man should be well-acquainted with if he wants to really live life to the last drip—or drop. It is as essential to graceful, pleasant living as knowing a guy who can get you Scotch! It's as simple as this....

Step 1—Tuck a great big napkin under your chin,

Step 2—Break your doughnut in half (dunking a whole one is definitely bad form)

Step 3—Pick the half-doughnut tenderly between thumb and forefinger—the other fingers must be poised gracefully upward, and hold over your drink. You may sigh in rapturous anticipation.

Step 4—Proceed to swish the doughnut rhythmically in the beverage. Keep wrist and elbow relaxed for a smooth, circular stroke, and immerse doughnut for exactly 2½ seconds...not too long or it will become soggy.

Step 5—Remove, holding doughnut above cup, permitting all excess drops of liquid to drip, drip, drip back.

Step 6—And now the sweet climax! Swerve the doughnut in a graceful curve to your mouth. It is proper to close your eyes in ecstasy and smile.

Step 7—Repeat, until all the doughnuts on the table are simply fond memories. As a member of the National Dunking Association (and I have my credentials), I invite you to join with me in furthering the cause—dry, clean, hands, spotless tablecloths, and unashamed dunking!

M. T. Noggin

Mrs. Trotter Thanks Committee

To the Editor of the LOG:

Mrs. Charlotte Trotter, Chairman of the Fourth War Loan Bond drive for the Industrial Oil Division at the Brown Street Plant, wishes to thank her committee and all employees of the Industrial Oil for their support during the drive.

Thanking you,  
I remain,  
Charlotte Trotter

Sprague Radio Log . . .

Radio Review

February 15th

Mr. D. W. Fowler, whose article appears in this issue, was guest speaker for the February 15th program of the Sprague Radio Log. Mr. Ed. Goodman of Factory Planning, spoke on the important role his department plays in war production. Miss Catherine Pappas of Section Test was our charming Hostess-of-the-day, and Miss Charlotte Lasher pleased the radio audience with her colorful solos. Kenny Russell from the Brown Street plant was our Five Star reporter. An innovation was introduced on this program by the introduction of a portable hand microphone. Many of the guests in the audience were asked to make a few remarks over the air. This proved a novel and well-accepted feature.

Radio Preview

Leap Year Radio Log  
Program Feb. 29th to  
Favor the Ladies

As we go to press the Log is advised that next Tuesday's Radio Log is to be Ladies' Day. They have very hospitably and generously invited Mr. Alton Perry to sing for them. As leap year comes but every four years, it seemed to the Radio Production Committee that the program should be entirely in the hands of the ladies. So we left it to them to "propose" the type of program, entertainment and

February 22nd

Mr. J. K. Sprague brought a Washington Birthday message to the radio audience on the program of February 22nd, while Mr. Chas. Isbell, representing the American Legion gave a timely address. Miss Ellen Horsfall opened the program with her beautiful interpretation of the Star Spangled Banner, later singing "Say a Prayer for the Boys Over There." The old Sprague Philosopher, Harry Martin, made a short but impressive address to the memory of George Washington; Mrs. Margaret McNamara very pleasingly introduced the guest of the day, and Arthur Langlois, formerly with the Canadian army and now with Sprague Specialties Company told of the soldiers point of view. Master Joseph Malgeri read effectively a poem on Washington.

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speakers. Be sure to read the report in the next Log. It will be interesting.

James E. Wall to Speak  
On Sprague Radio Log

On March 14th James E. Wall, Chairman of the Red Cross Campaign in the Northern Berkshire District and President of the Wall-Streeter Shoe Company will be the guest speaker on the Sprague Radio Log. His subject will be the Red Cross Drive which opens officially March 15 in this area.

Recreational Interests To Be Canvassed

Questionnaire on This Page Gives All Employees  
Opportunity for Wide Expression of Interests and Ideas

Popular Interest In Establishment  
Of Musical and Dramatic Units  
Results In Organization Setup.

Following a growing interest during the past year and after numerous requests for general leadership, the task of organizing this wide-spread interest on a methodical basis has been assigned to Mr. E. S. Whitten, Editor of the Log.

Mr. Whitten has asked Mr. Lawrence Madison, Mr. Fred Windover, Mr. Laurence Haskins to serve as an advisory committee with him, and to set up the plan for complete organization of recreational activities.

It is not expected that this entire program can be or will be rushed to

completion over night. This is only an orderly beginning. Many additional positions will be filled from time to time and it is expected that the entire setup will enlist the talents and desire for self-expression on the part of several hundred employees. The plan is not intended solely for those who consider themselves expert, but will be so developed that those who would like to improve themselves will find a fair opportunity to do so.

The first thing required is a thorough canvass of all employees to determine several important facts. Please use the coupon below and watch the Log and Bulletin Boards for further notices.

FILL IN AND SEND TO EDITOR OF 'LOG'

Name.....Work Shift.....Dept.....

Address.....Telephone.....

Check Organization Interested In:

- ☐ Male Chorus    ☐ Orchestra    ☐ Dramatics  
☐ Female Chorus    ☐ Band    ☐ Dancing (Solo)  
☐ Mixed Chorus    ☐ Drum Corps    ☐ Dancing (Chorus)

Other.....

Best times for practice (in order of preference). Give days and hours which suit you best.

1.....3.....5.....

2.....4.....6.....

Personal Details (kind of voice, kind of instrument, special experience if any, etc.).....

Suggestions:.....



Alfred Sommer, seaman 2-c, stationed at Sampson, N. Y. He is the son of Olga of Boxing.



Anthony Valotta, son of Pauline DiLorenzo of Maintenance, and brother of James and Dominick, all of Brown Street.

Tennessee Maneuvers  
Feb. 3, 1944

Dear Miss Owen:

Though I am out here in the woods where many a moonshiner and revenue agent have tangled in the past, and half the time, do not know where the mess truck is, or where the next meal is coming from—the good old *Log* just keeps on coming along to me. It's a great paper and all the lads and lassies of Sprague's who contribute their precious time towards meeting the deadline every time it goes to press have all the reason in the world to feel proud of their work.

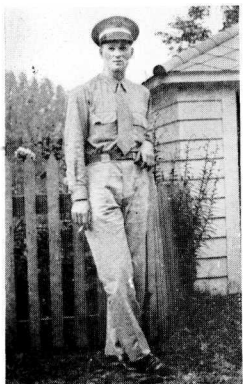
Although many of the persons I read about are strangers to me, I can see by reading between the lines that the spirit that made Sprague's a good place and firm to be a part of, still functions as strongly as ever. That is one darn good reason this country has been undefeated for such a long span of years.

I miss the old times, bowling—dances—stag parties—and running around through the departments and hallways of the Plant. And I know that all who left to serve their country feel the same way.

A little bit about the good old Yankee Division, to let you know how we are doing: As you probably know, we have a new C.O., Gen. Paul, a hard headed New Englander who took over last Fall to whip the Y.D. into combat shape. It looks as if he had succeeded, for if we complete these maneuvers in good shape,—and I see no reason why we can't—we will be on our way. We are now living strictly under combat conditions. The first phase has been finished and we are now enjoying a respite 'til we go at each other again.

Say hello to Fran Crosier for me. She's my idea of an all-right girl, and I usually head up to see her first when I get a furlough. Best regards and good wishes to co-workers and keep up the good work so we may soon come home!

Sincerely,  
Sgt. Lew Quimby



Pfc. Harry J. Bontempi of Filters, recently injured.

### Letters of Appreciation

17 February 1944

Dear Sir:

Forgive me for not thanking you sooner for the cigarettes. I received them some time ago. It's so nice to be remembered by friends we had to leave.

My work here at the hospital is very interesting, needless to say, however, I do miss Sprague's. I have been receiving the *Log* regularly and it's like a breath of North Adams. I do appreciate it so.

Thank you all again for your kindness to me.

Sincerely,

Agnes Costello

From former Dispensary  
Nurse at Brown Street  
Now at Bradley Field, Conn.

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January 17, 1944  
Cochran Field, Ga.

Hi Joe:

I received the carton of cigarettes and was very pleased. I wish to express my sincere thanks. I sure would like to be up at Sprague's right now—and I don't mean maybe! Well, someday, I'll be back along with many others. If you ever get the chance, say "Hello" to Mary Mathews and Art, to Specks DeGrenier, George Saunders and Jack Washburn, and also my brother Dorsey. Tell the gang that instead of Instrument Flying, like I'm supposed to do, I'm usually trying to explain points about Sprague condensers. We sure use a lot of them here. We have some men here who consider the name "Sprague" TOPS. Well, I'll be up there around March.

Until then,

Marshall King.

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The above letters were sent to Joe Garceau, promoter of the Benefit dances for cigarette funds. Mr. Garceau publishes the following report on his Hallowe'en dance given at the State Armory. He states that the net balance on his Beauty contest dance was even a smaller margin:

585 tickets sold to Sprague employees.....	\$ 204.75
63 tickets sold at door.....	31.50
	\$ 236.25
Expenses:	
Tax on tickets	\$20.70
Armory.....	28.00
Drum Corps.....	5.00
Printing.....	15.00
Police Officer.....	5.00
Music.....	60.00
Total expense.....	\$ 133.70
Profit.....	102.55
Paid to P. Lorillard Co., Inc. for cigarettes.....	99.82
Balance	\$ 2.73

## ★ NEWS and VIEWS from ★

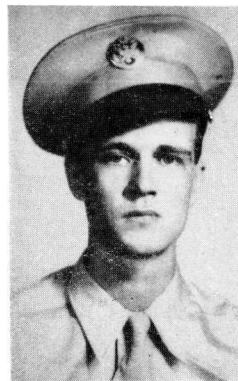
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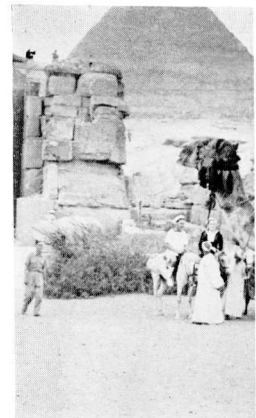
Pvt. Edward Jandran of Medical Corps in England. He is the brother of Pauline of Block Test.



Arthur L. Brooks, son of Odna Brooks of Section Test. Arthur has been in many of the Pacific battles.



Pvt. Robert Button—formerly of Industrial Oils, now somewhere in S. Pacific.



William B. Roberts — some former business manager of Excels of the LOG.

### Writes from England

February 5, 1944

To the Editor:

A few minutes ago, I received the January 8th copy of the Sprague Specialties Victory Log and I appreciate your kindly remembrance. I am in England and fine, as usual. I hear much about the shop, for L. Dustin and I talk often about it. I think Sprague is really going places in mass production. Good Luck!

I have the *Log* in my hand while writing this V-letter. I notice the picture of the "Bowling Champs" (Al Bergeron, you're getting "plumpy" Better take it easy with your waist). Haha.

Yours truly,  
Casimir Gliwski

A pleasant reunion was held in New Guinea momentarily when Corp. Wm. Robare, son of Mrs. Madeline Robare of Mica Finishing, and Sergeant Richard Lucier, U.S.A.M.C., son of Mrs. Helen Johnson, also of Mica Finishing, met while en route to an unknown destination!

Pvt. Norbert Miller, formerly of Block Test, has arrived safely in England.

Ronald Ballou has been promoted to Petty Officer 3-c Torpedoman, with a destroyer escort in the Atlantic fleet.

Pvt. Stewart V. George, U. S. Marine Corps, formerly of the Plating Dept. landed with the Marines on the Jap-infested island of Tarawa and helped win that victory.

Tech. 5th Grade John Fortini has arrived in England according to latest reports.

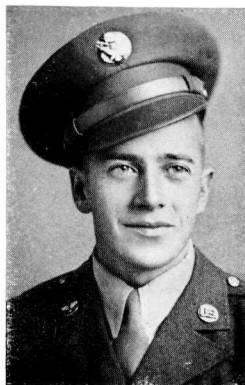
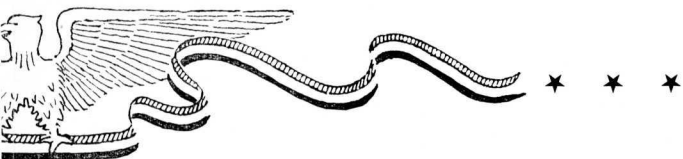
Donald E. Finlayson, son of Doris of B.T.A., has been transferred to Charleston, S. C.



Pfc. Charles F. Africa. Charlie for Charles Sutlin



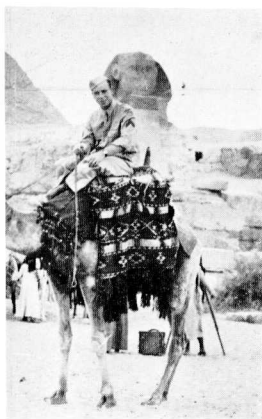
# Sprague Workers In Service ★



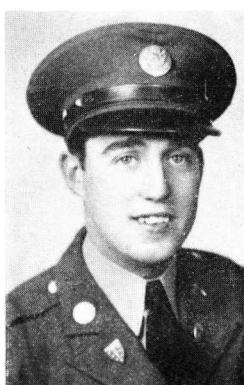
Pvt. Ralph Deso, brother of Gertrude of Filters and Lena of Mica.



William Dean — somewhere in Africa, brother of Margaret of Block Annex.



where in Egypt. Mr. Roberts was sior Printing Company, our printers



Cpl. Wm. Jandran, paratrooper in Italy. He is the brother of Pauline of Block Test.

## In Battle of Tarawa

Co-workers of Pvt. Joseph Valorta are glad to learn that he has come through the terrific battle of Tarawa without mishap. He states in a letter received by his mother Mrs. Pauline DiLorenzo of Maintenance Dept., Brown: I am in the best of health, and — alive and still kicking. The Tarawa battle is one I will never forget... never saw so many dead and wounded in all my life...

Pvt. Joseph has another brother, Anthony, serving in Australia, and two brothers at Sprague's—James in Industrial Oils and Dominick in Mica.

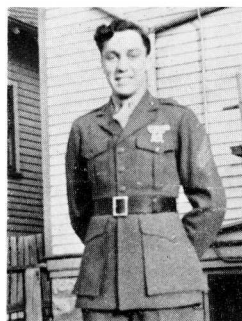
Pfc. Harry J. Bontempi, son of Patricia of Filter Department was seriously injured while directing a convoy on maneuvers at San Bernardino, and has been taken to the Torney General Hospital at Palm Springs. He is a vertical gun pointer. Best wishes for a speedy recovery!

Paratrooper William E. Lesure has arrived safely in England according to recent reports. William was a volunteer in the June draft quota, and formerly worked in B.T.A. department.

## Cigarettes Will Be Tobacco In Next Two Shipments Of Sprague Cigarette Fund

Because of frequent requests of the boys in service, the Government has lifted the ban on tobacco for a short period. Therefore, in the next two shipments by the Sprague Cigarette Fund, tobacco will be sent instead of cigarettes. This tobacco will be sent in quarter lb. packages.

To date, the total number of cigarettes sent abroad amounts to 1,660,000, plus 2,000 quarter lb. boxes of tobacco. The number of countries to which these consignments have gone numbers 61, and the number of repeat shipments totals 24.



Sgt. Tony Sommer, son of Olga of Boxing. Tony has been transferred from a torpedo destroyer base in California to Cherry Pt., N. C.



Petty Officer Kenneth Bancroft, husband of Genevieve of Block Annex.

## Comments on the Pictures Shown in the Lunch Room

By Mary Mathews

Wednesday, February 16, 1944, pictures were shown in our lunch room. To you who saw them, didn't you think they were good? To you who missed them, so sorry, but perhaps I can give you a vague picture.

### Part 1

The bombing of an enemy town with the demolishing of a railroad. A hopeless looking place when our men took over, but never fear, our boys dug in. Results: a railroad rebuilt and believe it or not a locomotive rebuilt. Are our boys there? You answer that.

### Part 2

Our men are shown receiving last minute instructions before taking off on an air raid. But hold on to your hats, Nazi planes are spotted. No doubt you have seen dog fights in the local theaters in some of the recent war pictures—well, here was another—but no make-believe one. This was the real McCoy. Nevertheless, our boys fulfilled their mission and arrived safely back at base. "What luck pilot, did you get any?" "A couple I guess, but the camera will tell the story." Did he say camera? Yes, there is a camera concealed in a small compartment in these bombers which take pictures of every movement while the bomber is in action. Then a group of paratroopers taking off. The boys laugh and joke until the signal is given and one by one they jump. Bravo for a swell bunch of kids. What a sight to behold. If you felt a tightening in your throat it's ok—I did!

### Church Services at the Front

Sunday morning. Church services in the open. Our boys on bended knees, guns slung over their shoulders watch the priest as he prayed and gave them blessings. Mass over, the boys again continue on.

If my description has been at all true, you will join me in saying a swell picture. I feel proud to say men and boys like these are worth denying oneself for. Each and every one of us must work until our boys tell us the Red Light is on and we can ease up on our job.

Keep these pictures coming, as a constant reminder that ours is a small sacrifice compared to theirs.

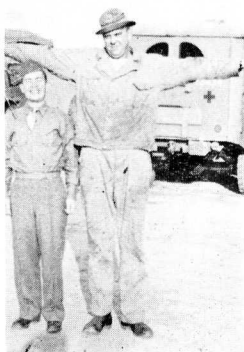
## Welcome to Bill Morocco

All the friends of Bill Morocco, and his brother Lou of Machine Shop are mighty glad to see Staff Sgt. W. C. (Bill) Morocco home again after his many perilous encounters with the enemy. Bill has over 50 combat engagements to his credit as well as many other reconnoitering flights. The many decorations he wears testify to his courage and bravery.

## Foster Earns Wings

Frederick S. Foster was commissioned an ensign pilot in the U. S. Navy Air Corps at Whiting Field, Pensacola, Fla. At the exercises were his mother, Mrs. Fred S. Foster and his fiancée, Miss Marjorie Bunting, formerly of Cost Dept.

## Big and Little of it



Leo Wilcox formerly at Ft. Bragg, N. C., now of Boxing, photographed with the biggest soldier at the camps.



Bourdon, now in formerly worked ft.

## Sprague Coach, Manager and 4 Players on Winning Team



In city amateur Basketball League, Academy Five leads Lincoln Aces. Left to right: Mr. Fred Little, sponsor; Ralph Boisjolie; Manager Gerald Burns; Bob Garner; Coach Bernard Bullett; Willis Wheelock; Paul Fitzpatrick; Capt. Al Bergeron and Bill Durocher.

## Sports

By Ken Russell

Hello Sport Fans!—As the bowling season comes down the homestretch the pace becomes hotter. In the past two weeks some fine scores were rolled. The Formation Five recently rolled a high 1562. Earl Scarbo, anchor man, hit the record high for the year in three strings—a lousy 360. The Machine Shop is still leading in the second half and they seem to be the team that has the stuff. I predict a lot of fireworks before the race comes to a windup. In the Dusty League, Sprague's is represented with two teams. The Brown Street players are Rog Sorel, Ken Russell, Mike Flaherty, Mike Pierce, and Al Labonte. The other entry is the Formation Room from Beaver Street. On this team are Harold Tourjee, Will Lebert, Pinky Sherman, Harry Carpenter, Earl Scarbo, and Bill Ferris. In the latest match between these two, the Formation came out on top with a total of 1567 to 1509 of the Brown St. bowlers. Lebert starred with 350.

Angie Baker recently bowled a 10 string match with Tomaselli, a bowler in the Commercial League, whom she defeated by 90 pins. She averaged a little higher than 95 per string.



## Section Test

By Kay Pappas

No wonder the broadcast was a success—how could it be otherwise, with Norma Lerta, Mary Walden doing an extemporaneous bit—and Charlotte Lasher singing! And being hostess was very new and exciting to me.

That birthday cake of Ethel Gilman's! Decorated with ONE candle, ten inches tall, Ethel had to turn the fan on in order to blow out the candle.

Hungry? Stop at the Food Center any time. Agnes will be glad to feed you—but don't forget your stamps!... And Agnes and Ethel are always cooking up some business deal. Between chickens, cows, Christmas trees and what not... Greylock is known as Cow Country—right, Bernie?... Section Test received a card from Caroline Schouler, who is on a three months' vacation, visiting her husband in California.

Section Test celebrated the birthday of Peggy Sutliff on February 17. Happy birthday to you!

## Networks

Lucy DeFazio

Lillian Adams, Theresa Phillips and her husband, Morris, spent an evening at the home of Florence Evende.

In the Northern Berkshire High School Basketball League; Adams High is now leading by its recent impressive win over Pittsfield by the score of 31-16. Williamstown continues to toboggan its way down in league standings as it took another licking at the hands of Drury. The count was 47-33.

The North Adams Skating Club held its City Championship Races, Feb. 10, at the Greylock Rink. Trophies were awarded to Ludwig Benedetti and Alice Widen. Louis Felix, guard at the Brown St. plant was the official starter.

SPEED PLUS ACCURACY!  
Lots of Steam, But On the Beam!

The old fire-ball, speed-ball, rocket-ball demons of the diamond and pitcher's box were great sensations, each in his day. But ONLY on one condition—that they could get the ball over the plate and cut the corners close! Champs and winners have both Speed AND Accuracy. Look over their histories, any of them, from good old Walter Johnson down to Dizzy Dean. When they were GOOD, they were very, very GOOD—and they had CONTROL....That goes for us war production workers too. "Lots of steam, but on the beam, folks!"

Around midnight, they decided to call Lea Walden on the phone. Theresa had the honor of singing Maizy Doats to Lea. After all, Lea, you should not mind getting out of your warm bed to hear your favorite song! That is not asking too much!

Mary Meade spent her vacation in New York City.

George Davis has begun to remove his coat at work—could it be a sign that spring is near?

## Can Shop

by Claire Murray

The hayride staged by Plating and Can Shop departments was a complete success. Everyone showed up, the supper was delicious, and the entertainment superb!... Local talent, of course! Rose, what has Dorothy Lamour got that you haven't... just a sarong, I guess.

Hearing a strange sound, the other day, Betty looked around and found Bud was singing! When asked the title, he said: "Turkey in the Hay." What would we do without our price-less Bud!

In case anyone didn't know, the way to Ted's heart is through a bag of peanuts or package of chewing gum.

Why, or why, can't Rose eat her candy in peace! Russ and Bill really make it tough for her... could it be that stealing their lunches has anything to do with it?

WARNING!—If you see a coin on the floor of the CAN SHOP, do not Pick It Up.  
P.S.—It's soldered there!

## Beaver News Front Office

By Helene Meacham

## Songs by the Office Force

Isabel Mulvaney *Paper Doll*  
Claire Murray *Let's Dance*  
Katie Bryce *How Sweet You Are*  
Joan Bryce *The Dreamer*  
Vera Uberti

*I'm Just Wild About Charlie*

Ruth Graves *Maizy Doats*  
Jane Gordon *Here Comes the Navy*  
Isabel Peters *Happy-Go-Lucky*  
Eleanor McClay *Smiles*  
Blanche Fallon *My Hero Waltz*  
Pauline Morrissey

*When Irish Eyes Are Smiling*

Lillian Clermont *We Three*  
Florence Mercœur  
Margaret Rohane  
Lillian Dencault *The Welcome Song*  
Irene Kaczka

Mary Zona *Gee, I Love My G. I. Guy!*  
S. M. Denoyan

*Those Wild, Wild, Women*

D. McNaughton *Little Man, You've Had a Busy Day!*  
*The Log* will begin to get more and more news from our Front office reporter. She has new specs, and nothing escapes her now!

And by the way, "Meach", who is this "Butch" you are always talking about?

"If wishes were horses..." I wonder just how many of us would wish ourselves back to school days for that week's vacation due the week of Feb. 27th... not many!... What are the words after Marescaots? Ask Margaret Rohane. She should know!... Isabel Mulvaney received word that hubby, John, is now a Staff Sergeant. We have never seen any one prouder!

The reason for all the excitement the other day was that Mary Zona finally heard from the Navy. Three letters from one sailor would make anyone happy... It's unnecessary for anyone in the Main Office to be gloomy nowadays—there's always Al Perry on the spot with his ready wit and infectious grin.

Say, Anna Purcell, they tell me you "finger awhile" at center door, when you come in of a morning. Tch, tch! Fran—hurry up and get well!

## Crosier

The Payroll Department, the Log staff—and all your many, many friends extend their deepest sympathy to you, Fran, in these very black hours of your bereavement. Knowing you, though, we know you will keep your chin up, and take it like a soldier!

## Block Test

By Barbara Bailey

Robert Choquette has been accepted by the Merchant Marines. Best of luck, Chuck.

Frances Solari spent a week in New York with her husband, Armand Solari, S I-c.

Dorothy Sweeney recently spent a week end in Philadelphia with her husband, Ralph, Fireman I-c.

Florina Strange is visiting her husband, Pvt. Earl at Camp Lee, Va. Albert "Grumpy" Vareschi had a birthday on St. Valentine's Day, and was presented with a birthday cake by his co-workers.

The Block Test has its Frank Sinatra, too—Theodore Raymond, and do the girls love to hear him sing noon hours!

Did you know that Arlene Chalfoux (Sec-Treas. of the North Adams Skating Club) is an accomplished figure skater? You should see her do those twists and twirls at the Greylock skating rink.

To ALL LOG Reporters!  
DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE,  
11 o'clock, March 2nd!

## Bathtub Assembly News

By Eleanor Durocher

Norma Urbano spent a few days in Washington, D. C., visiting her sailor. She says she had a wonderful time—and that smile looks like she did!

Who is the girl who boasts she is the best solderer? Keep up the good work, Jo!... and by the way, what makes the solderers always sing "Just Friends" when anyone has a visitor?

Do you know our Ellen "Star Spangled" Horsfall of the Payroll? Or Lea who is SO happy when she receives a letter from her sailor husband.

Millie Bathaway has a hard time pronouncing Mississippi these days—Hurry back, Millie.

And what girl had courage enough to have a tooth pulled, after suffering for y-e-a-r-s? We are proud of you, Lucy.

Richard A. Johnson F-2, formerly of Boxing Dept. spent a one-day leave at home, after sea duty. His wife is Lea of B.T.A.

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## Sleighride Party

The girls of the B.T.A. held a sleighride and party at Wenzel's farm on the 9th of February. A chicken dinner was served and the entertainment was most successful. Cyrella Chapron and Eleanor Durocher entertained with tap dancing, and a specialty dance was given by Lucy Libardi, Thelma Boulrice and Kathryn Clarkson.

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## Western Electric

By Red Owczarski

Tip for Daniel Collins—Did you know a large shipment of Beechnut gum and chocolate bars arrived at the corner store?... Since there is a man shortage, may we horn in on those boxes of chocolates you received, Muriel?... Best wishes to Nathalie Serre in her new work.... Good luck, Bill, and don't you dare give up your job to run a nursery.... Keep 'em sailing, Vincent Pont—all the W. E. gang wish you oceans of luck.... Condules to Emma Thibert.... Irene Burke of W. E. and Carolyn Champney of Boxing, spent the week end in Albany. While there, they saw Tommy Dorsey in person!

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## The Best Soldier of All

She does not fight with gun or knife, But she knows the meaning of pain and strife.

She does not drive the trucks or tanks But she's a soldier of the ranks. She gave the breath of life you breathe, Gave you a smile when you had to leave.

She's waiting and praying that each returns,

To hold you closely, she still yearns. Although you've grown to five feet, nine—

She smiles so proudly and says, "He's mine—

My boy! I have loaned to Uncle Sam, He'll win this war—I know he can!" So don't forget your mom, dear son, Remember, she's your own and only one!

She does not fight with gun or knife, But she knows the pain of death and life.

She's waiting again to hear you call—"Hi, Mom." The best soldier of us all!"

You are again reminded that it is by order of the Army's Fourth Service Command that you are required to wear your company badge at all times while at the plant.  
Please Comply.



Miss Minnie Hill to Mr. Robert Williams of Auburn, Alabama, on February 14. Minnie worked in the K.V.A. Dept.

Miss Marjorie Bunting to Ensign Fred Foster, February 15 at Pensacola, Florida. Marjorie formerly worked in the Cost Department.

Miss Betty Fressola to Mr. Francis Rice, February 22 at St. Anthony's Rectory. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast and reception were held. Mrs. Rice is employed in the Networks Department, and Mr. Rice, formerly of the U. S. Marines is a member of the Mechanical Drafting Department.

Dorothy Dargie, formerly of Check Inspection, and Edward Messier, formerly of Block Test were married January 30th in Boston.



A son was born February 16th to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cullen. Tom is with the Factory Planning Dept.

## Dry Test

By Vi Short

George Thelarge deserves congratulations on his purchase of twelve war bonds on the last day of the Fourth Drive. Nice going, George.

Ray Armstrong is fine on the sleighride—but why, on the return trip, does he place the buggy before the horse?

Please do not disturb Anne Tycks of a Saturday, folks. She's weak.

Blondy Luczynski, now with the Marines was home recently on furlough.

Phyllis Shepherd was quite a sensation with her new hair-do.

J. W. Wright was pleased with his slogan award in last month's contest.

Little Billy Pierce assisted his Dad (John of Dry Test) to stand on skis Sunday at the Mohawk Trail.

Welcome back to Gregory Alcaro.

Helen Mancuso's brother, John, is home on a 21 day furlough. Good luck, Johnnie.

## Keep Things Shipshape



## We are in to Win

Must Sprague workers be told of our Great Country's needs? Are we not those who willingly perform Each task to please?

Nellie McCutcheon, Mica Finishing





# Song With Words

By Frances Cerminara

When duty calls—all those daddies must go,  
Though parting hurts much more than they show —  
Here, in the dawn, I look down on your bed —  
Saying as many before me have said:

Dear little son of mine —  
You look so sweet, lying there in your sleep.

Your soldiers and teddybear close, while you slumber.  
No fear for their safety, need your dreams encumber.

'Cause daddy is going to fight so never There'll be ever a worry for you —  
You won't have to worry — little son.  
Dear little son of mine,

Daddy must go—he must be on his way  
He's going to leave both you and me and you

In the care of the dear Lord above, whom you pray to,  
And if I should never return — then remember

That Daddy left Mommy to you....  
And love her as I do—little son  
Dear little son of mine.

# Paper and Tubulars

By Gertrude Gentile

Teddy Blair and Leon DeGraff, champion "pitch" players will challenge all who doubt their skill.

Mary Rogge and Dot Smith started for Springfield, on a week end trip, but ended up in New York City.

Eva Shippee was the recipient of a beautifully decorated birthday cake from her co-workers.

Jessie Johnston spent a week end in Philadelphia as guest of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Robert Johnston, Jr.

We miss you, Emma Jeyzk—Hurry back!

Our well known "Casanova" of the office helps keep our "Sinatra" fans happy. Also, he is an artist of merit as well as poet. Valentines are his specialty.

Ralph Blanchard, Leon DeGraff, Earl O'Neil, Teddy Blair and Romeo Gagne paid a trip to Bennington hospital to see Danny Pratt, and are glad to report he's coming along fine.

Just a hint to you co-workers of our Pvt. "Jo" Gelineau. Her address is Co. 10, 22nd Regiment, 4443-S.C.U.Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. Letters keep up morale, you know. "Jo" has finished her basic training. Good luck, "Jo", we are proud of you!

Dorothy Gageant, the brunette cutie of our office received word her husband has arrived safely overseas. "Somewhere in England" seems a long way from home, doesn't it, Dottie?

Good wishes to Lorraine Boyer from the gang.

# Boxing

By Connie Urbano

Mrs. Sophia Bryda is with us, after visiting her husband home on furlough. Never a dull moment in Boxing....

If you want to know what the Grand Central Station looks like—just visit the department.

Welcome, Lil and speedy recover to your daughter Lorraine, from the Gang.

Who is Miss Charm Curl of Boxing—page Jennie.

What is that collection being taken up for "Curly" D....For a permanent?

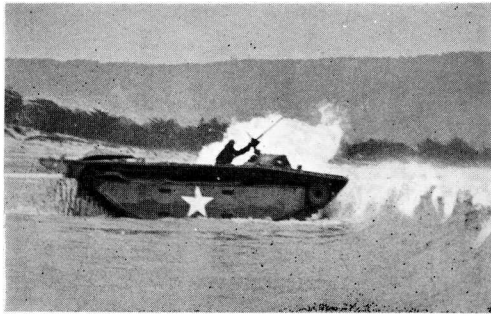
Who is the big-hearted fellow who gave Vicky pussy willows? Quite a bouquet, there, Vic.

To Norman Charron who joined the Navy, we wish the best of luck.

Farewell, Art, we are going to miss you—your job was always well done.

Anne, you make a wonderful life saver, but I wouldn't want to be the victim!

# ANOTHER PLACE WHERE QUALITY COUNTS



"At the Naval Hospital at Corona, California, boys wounded at Tarawa have been coming in for several weeks now. We've talked to a good many of them who have seen, ridden in, driven and acted as gunners in the LVTs at Tarawa and other South Pacific landings. The stories these fellows bring back will make you and every one of your employees who has anything to do with the war effort, or this Water Buffalo, proud of the part you're doing -- and eager to do more."

—Food Machinery Corp.

# Lab Gab

By Carmella Cioffi

Tips to the uninitiated:

...Quickest on the draw with his re-torts promptus is Clayton Collins — but sometimes...Never approach Doc Burnham with any kind of observation. No matter how general. He'll have you prove it!

.....When Nelson Beverly dies, Charlie, Irving and I are going to dedicate a monument to his memory. The inscription will read "Greater patience had no man"....Irving Ruhman sends the gooiest valentines of all

....I never look at D. S. without thinking of Christopher Morley's classic line "The Irish get such wonderful dark circles under their eyes."....All look with longing eyes at the nice plump cushion on Mr. Allison's chair. Such luxury! It's a shame he never gets to use it though....The-Anything-Can-Happen-Now-Dep't. was talking to Art Randall about furniture and stuff when one of the confirmed bachelors standing nearby said, "Say, do you know a measly old kitchen table costs \$50.00?" "How do you know?" we ask. He fell. "Because I priced them."....Wish Mrs. Ness would call her husband up again. Her voice and accent are lovely!

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# Production Office Observances

By A 'n L

Wayne very obligingly put up our new clock—no chance of working overtime, now, Wayne.

Glad to see that George is not hobbling about any longer—too bad the Log banquet is past, George.

A new member of Production office is Nathalie Serre, formerly of Western Electric.

Welcome back to Material Control, Genevieve Spila.

Valentines are heart-warming tokens — but — Mamie's valentine will keep more than her heart warm!

Individually and collectively, we thank Mr. Teeple for having the green paint removed from the east side windows.

Cigars were on Tom Cullen this week.

Lyd is happy because of those letters and the "Minute Man" item about that Marine.

Basketball games are played, lost and won each noontime when our sports enthusiasts, Walt and Bernie get together.

Watch your step! Look where you go! Safety is essential to War Production Effort.

# Burt, of Plating Dept. Breaks Into Verse

Get Pay  
Much Gay  
No Blondes —  
Instead — Buy Bonds!

The boys in the Can Shop want to know what happened to their calendar. They may even offer a reward to the person locating it!

# Production Engineering

By Hazel Goodale

This is truly a Leap Year Valentine season for this department, with two weddings, and one gentleman getting lace valentines and mysterious homemade billet-doux. Ray and Lorraine, who have just been married, are spending their honeymoon in New York City. Francis Rice was married February 22 to Betty Fressola. Congratulations and best wishes to both couples.

To celebrate Valentine's day in our own way the feminine contingent of this Department held a spaghetti luncheon at Florini's—and got back to work on time!...Speaking of eating, we are overjoyed to learn that Ray Bishop has given up his diet of tangerines and eclairs and is now enjoying man-sized sandwiches.

The stag party held at the Wenzel Farm in Adams was a huge success... Thirty-seven attended; the guest of honor was late in arriving; the master of ceremonies was Walter Carpenter; the guest of honor was presented with a purse of money; Harold May furnished the accompaniment for songs; and the jokes were so good that John Tolmie fell off his chair, laughing. "Whit" advised John to stay there—since the next jokes would floor him also....At the Plant, Ray and Lorraine were presented with a purse of money and a mirror for wedding gifts....May this reflect all of our good wishes!

We extend a welcome to Alma Haas, who formerly was a tester in the Impregnating Department. Hope you like your new work!

Bob Garner says he will have to buy the Everett Orchards to keep Emma supplied with those apples she likes so well.

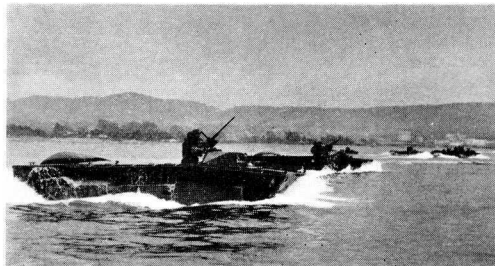
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# Birthday Party

Ann Downey and Loretta Milisewski were guests of honor at a birthday party given by Mrs. E. Strange. The guests of honor were presented with appropriate gifts, and later, a luncheon was served. Assisting the hostess were Mary Markland, Yvonne Ducharme, and Louise Filiault.

# SPEED, ACCURACY AND COURAGE



These Water Buffaloes, like all important war equipment, depend on the care and accuracy of the war production workers back home for their effective and destructive use against the enemy.

# MARSHALL STREET "Memos"

By Dabrowski-Sheldon-Haskins

When would you like to see the sun rise on Mount Greylock, Alice?

Marie Merritt's worried look has vanished since the doctor told her that her dog would live!

Ann McHugo claims the final line would be better if Minnie stopped cooking the stew.

Nellie Hickey's daughter who is in training at St. Luke's Hospital in Pittsfield expects to be home for a few days.

Marie believes in substantiating a story, so-o-o she calls up Nellie to prove that she has blue eyes and thus win a nickel bet!

Speedy recovery to Annis O'Neil!

Our guess is that swimming and roller skating still holds first place with the Marshall Street gang. And it seems a little early for Easter bonnets, but "Art" LaBombard doesn't care — wearing a new hat all day. But we think you look real cute, "Art"....Well, it will soon be March—and then March 15th....Lovely thought!

Sybil Harris is leaving to be a Cadet Nurse. Sorry to see you go Sybil, but glad that you are leaving for a good cause. To serve your country — Good luck from the Gang.

Congratulations to Rose Richardson on her twins! You always were a boon to production, Rose....By the way, have you noticed the socks Daisy is knitting? She has made herself several pair, but these are definitely men's, and she is taking such pains with them! Confidentially, they are size 10's....I wonder?....Can't think of any girl who watches the attendance record more closely than Mary Dextrader. Is she proud of her 100% attendance? But definitely!....and did you see the darling Valentine apron Mary Barry's daughter, Rose Mary, made for her mother?

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Here's a just a sincere "Thank You", For the party Friday night. The music, food, and everything. Surely hit the spot just right.

We thank "Frankie" for his jitter-bug, Mrs. Spofford for the cake, And Ann Heath must have spent some time Just to give our "Syb" the breaks.

To our good friend, Bill Sheldon, Who kept things on the go, His efforts cannot be surpassed, As "Master" of the show.

To each and everyone of you, Who donated to "Syb's" pleasure, We assume you most sincerely, The "card and money" she will treasure

So here's a great big "Thank you", To every lass and lad For the party, and the present From Sybil's Mom and Dad.

Marion Harris

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# Line-up Bowling Match of Block Test Champs and Production Champs

Block Test—Harry the Horse, Speedboy Mamm, Slowball Barbeau, Skip the Gutter Al, and the Pin-up Boy's delight, Henry Menty.

Production—Strike Carter, One Ball Mahar, Nine Pin Carney, Deadwood John—and Walt Carpenter.

Production won! There'll be another day.



### Brown St. Sample Lab.

By Margaret L. Crews

The baby daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Finardi on Jan. 28, has caused great commotion in the life of her Aunt Alma, of Samples. Besides all sorts of advice on the rearing of children, Alma was given a stork shower by the girls. Now after three weeks' experience, Alma is giving the advice. Auntie and child are doing nicely, thanks!

Marion's husband, James V. Sinclitico, F1-c, has been transferred to Morro Bay, Calif.

Lucille's letters in green ink coming from Africa step up production every time a fresh one arrives.

Husbands who forget to send their wives a valentine should take a lesson from Peg Doherty's better half. He never forgets and was it nice!

It seems a shame that Verna's new recipes, tried out on the Sample girls don't get any further.

Gilda's diet was a complete success. Six pounds off the last time she weighed herself and we saw her eat two pieces of pie the same day. Some folks have all the luck!

The Sample Sextet is quietly practicing "O, Promise Me", and "Sweet Mystery of Life." Frank doesn't care for "Mairzy Doats."

### Nicknames Industrial Oils

Joe Zona—Sloppy Joe  
George Parsons—George the Pecker  
Bernice Richardson—Bonus R  
Fran Partenope—Bonus P  
Joe Fitzpatrick—Pull Cifer  
Walt Moderski—Madda Durshi  
L. Vincette—The Lug  
Fran Wimpenny—Boogie Woogie  
Louis Vincette

### KVA

By Reggie Rowett

Pvt. "Bozo" Lauzon, stationed in Louisiana, and his sister Doris of the U.S.WAVES, stationed at Pensacola, Fla., paid a visit to the K.V.A. Dept. recently.

A week end trip to New York City was enjoyed by Mrs. Mary Roy and Mrs. Ceil Pugliese, of K.V.A.

### Silver Mica

By Dorothy Boutwell

Jerry Rhodes has lost all interest in knitting. Could it be that the green sweater episode discouraged her? . . . We hear that Larry Hiser went ice fishing but found it more comfortable sleeping in the car. Can't you take it, Larry! . . . What's the matter Fern, can't you keep all your eggs in one basket???? . . . Bill Perras was amazed to find his mailbox full to the brim, Monday, Feb. 14th. Imagine, 23 valentines for Bill!!!! . . . How is "Uncle Louie" these days, Mary? Does he still make those delicious French Fries? . . . Leo Barriere has been spending a lot of his spare time at the skating rink in Greylock. We don't know whether you did any skating or not Leo, but we don't blame you — she's a cute number. . . . Silver Mica welcomes Dot Demastrie back. . . . Joe Moresi is leaving soon for the Army. This will mean a lot of broken hearts throughout the Brown Street Plant, especially the Shipping and Mica Departments, not forgetting to mention the Silver Mica Department. . . . Jerry Rhodes proudly announced that she had become an "uncle" Feb. 16th, when her sister, Mrs. Thomas Cullen gave birth to a son. . . . Who is the girl in the Silver Mica that got a St. Patrick's Day card on Valentine's Day?

### Checking Along With The Resistors Winders—Second Chapter

By C. Corsi

We'd like to welcome back Della Keating who has been spending the past three months with her husband in California.

Thank you Bill for mailing Kay's V-Mail every day, she really appreciates it.

Who's the girl who spends a nickel every day to call home to see if husband, Ralph, has sent her a letter????

Mary Grande is willing to take her canary and cat with her when she goes to visit her husband in the service, but she still has the problem of finding someone to take care of her fires and water the plants. Anyone wanting the job, please contact Mary.

The girls are glad that Kay has finally conquered her tatting!



Mrs. Frances King, formerly of Dry Test with son, Michael Vernon.

### QUALITY E★ COUNTS

### Resistor Notes

By Celia Combs

If you want your sitting room repapered just give Sally a call. She has enough "Frank Sinatra" pictures posted around her machine to do a beautiful job on your wall. This is, if you can convince her to part with them.

Ardelle Ruby and Pat Siciliano returned from a New York trip. . . . We understand that Elizabeth Arden Salon is slowly recuperating from the terrific ordeal they have undergone, due to the amount of business from North Adams.

Who is the young lady who goes to the lunch room every morning, accompanied by two men? Stop hoarding, Flo!

We're wondering if Blanche has started to take her riding lessons yet??

The girls in the Multiplier room held a dinner party at Florini's "Italian Gardens" last Wednesday night in honor of Mrs. Bernice Brazeau. She was presented with a gift of assorted pyrex dishes from her co-workers. Mrs. Brazeau is leaving us this week to take up house-keeping seriously. Good-luck, Bernice. You'll have to learn how to cook and no alibis please.

### QUALITY E★ COUNTS

If I had Ceil Contois' hair,  
And Kay Ghidotti's eyes, and  
Nini Sacco's sweet smiling face,  
Then my hopes would really rise,  
If I could walk like Edith Scrivens,  
It would certainly be a treat.  
But I've got something on all of them—  
'Cause I've got bigger feet. . . .

Laddie

### Mica Impregnation and Molding

By Mildred Jennings

Helen Scarfone recently spent the week end in Springfield visiting Lillian Barbuto, former employee of Beaver Street Plant.

Fellow workers of Jessie Vallieres are working on an invention to equip her skis with landing gears so the next time she takes a jump, there won't be any broken bones—Nevertheless, all express their deepest sympathy, not only for her broken ankle, but for the fact that she has to remain inactive for awhile (and that's a job for her.)

### Wanted In Mica Finishing

By Betty Bourdon

Kindly have all donations at Salvage depot corner of River and Holden Streets.

1. Gum with no "snap" for H. D.
2. A furnace that can talk back to E. G. each morning.
3. A bed for A. L. at noon.
4. A kiddie car for M. M. so as to beat B. B. to work each morning.
5. A new form of glue to tack H. F. to his seat.

Miscellaneous: New type back scratchers, foot warmers, and yawning systems for 7 A.M.



Bernard A. Perras, formerly of Gas Mask — Present destination unknown. Son of William of Mica, brother of Mrs. Frances King.

### QUALITY E★ COUNTS

### Wire Coating News

First Shift -- By Lee Reese

Another very successful party was enjoyed last Monday night at Peg Dennis', in honor of "Gladie" Pelouquin. It was a surprise too, believe it or not. Games were enjoyed, and after one glance at the refreshments, we promptly forgot our "figures" and "diets" and set to with gusto. We are wondering just what the Candid Camera snaps will reveal. Helen Foote made a swell Pocahontas. The flying trip she made from the party to Notch Road and back revealed that, and how! Just what did the Indian blanket conceal, Helen? We were all happy to have "Pete" Phelps, and "Terry" Gamari with us. It was just like old times.

Bill Battersby, is so busy these days, he hasn't time for even one little story---, and take it from me, that means he is busy.

Mary Kinsey has a new name for herself—Let us in on it, will you Mary?

Anne Little and Marion have had a very busy time of it lately. Never mind girls, better days are bound to come.

**BE SURE TO REPORT ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS IF YOU WANT TO BE SURE OF GETTING YOUR 'LOG'!**

### 2nd Shift -- By Susan Galipeau

Why does Rita have that far-away look? That's what happens, girls, when your husband comes home on a ten-day furlough. Tsk, tsk.

Welcome to Catherine Maluda, "Gene" Trenti, Ruth Lewis, Edna Miner, Helen Burdick, Edith Dillon, Corena Tatro, Victoria Anderson and Lucille Miller—to the Second Shift. Good luck to all of you!

### 3rd Shift -- By Mary Rosse

Will the person making paper shoes let us know how she succeeded with them. It is quite an idea — if it works!

Newcomers on this shift are Lillian Lafave and William Stackpole.

And are we happy — at least, we are to have Saturday nights off. Thanks!



Pvt. Vernon King — husband of Frances, is stationed in Ireland as an M.P.

### QUALITY E★ COUNTS

### Payroll Office Briefs

By Connie Marino

Hollywood has its glamour girls or "Ladies" noted for this and that, and we find that we have a reasonable facsimile!! To wit: The title of the best dressed woman of the Silver Screen goes to blonde Constance Bennett, we give our award to brunette Agnes McDonough.

Millie Ottman could be called upon for a truly dramatic role, rivaling Bette Davis in one or any of her heaviest dramas.

"The Heavenly Body" stars Hedy Lamarr, Hollywood's most glamorous star, but have you seen ours in the form of Margaret Mancuso!!!

A sneeze is a sneeze, but have you ever heard Helen O'Brien's equaled only by Billy Gilbert's, in the land of make-believe.

Doris Fisk, with her throaty-mellow voice could easily be a double as the voice of Margaret Sullivan, of Hollywood-land.

Irene Chouinard, our one and only redhead, would give Lucille Ball competition in any technicolor picture. How about having a color picture taken Irene???

Bertha Gallese our charming "Hello" girl with her keen sense of humor and infectious laughter would be perfectly suited to roles played by the top comedienne, Rosalind Russell.

Who is the gal in our office that has shoulders wider than Joan Crawford's, eyes with more appeal than Linda Darnell's, and a wit that has Cass Daly envious—you guessed it, our own Kaye Heath.

### The Sleigh Ride

By Kaye Heath

On February 2, the girls of the Payroll Office and friends, numbering around twenty in all, enjoyed a sleigh-ride up the Mohawk Trail, and it certainly was a perfect night for it. Right girls?

Everyone was in top voice and it would lead to an argument as to which one sang the loudest. We ended the ride at Milton Spencer's on the Trail, and in spite of the ski-suits and heavy boots, dancing was enjoyed by everyone.

Margaret Mancuso, by popular demand, was our star entertainer and "Peg" is never one to let her "fans" down.

Millie Ottman had everyone fascinated with her little toque and on Millie it certainly looked good!

Square dances were next, and believe me, we certainly went through the paces prompted by our caller, Irene Chouinard; did you say you couldn't wear red Irene?

Helen O'Brien was well prepared for the weather and just for the record, "O.B." what was the total amount of garments? ? ? ?

We owe the success of the ride to Agnes McDonough, who took it upon herself to help the horse going up a hill, by getting off the nice warm sleigh and pushing with all of her 118 pounds — the horses were mighty appreciative "Mac".

Just for your own information "Cookie" (Connie Marino to you) just where did you learn to dance like that??? We know Arthur Murray never promised to have you dancing it that-a-way in five easy lessons!

What happened to all the lunch??? Please address all questions to Bertha Gallese!

A delicious lunch was served, and then we were ready to call it a night.

Lest I forget—the horses were grand and Doris Fisk and Yours Truly decided to try them out by riding the back. If they didn't like the idea they certainly got even with us in the days that followed — eh Doris? ? ? ?

A ride in a truck is certainly a novel way to end up a sleigh-ride isn't it? Ask any of the victims.

### QUALITY E★ COUNTS

### Mica Preparation

By Ghidotti-Contois

A dinner party was held February 10, at Florini's Italian Garden in honor of Miss Cecile Contois of the Mica Department who is to be married in May to Mr. George Bombardier of the Shipping Department. During the evening, a mock marriage was performed by Norma DePari, Lucille Bergeron, Pep Campedelli, and Rachel St. Pierre. The room was decorated in red and white, and on the table were tiny favors in observance of Valentine's Day.

Miss Contois was presented a purse of money by her co-workers, the stackers.

Ask C. Contois about the leg of the chicken she brought home?

Is it an obsession for H. Accetta to take a pound of butter each time there is a party?

We are learning L. Meranti can sing!!

Who was the brave girl who ran all the way home?

The performance of M. Robare doing the "La Conga" was great!! Do it again Mary.

Has Lord Epping a twin? Ask L. Bergeron.

Did you hear about the girl who could write poetry? Ask L. Sinclitico.

The song N. Sacco sings at the parties!! I wonder if she really means it.

Mrs. Eleanor DiTursi, formerly of Mica Dept., left to join her husband in Florida.